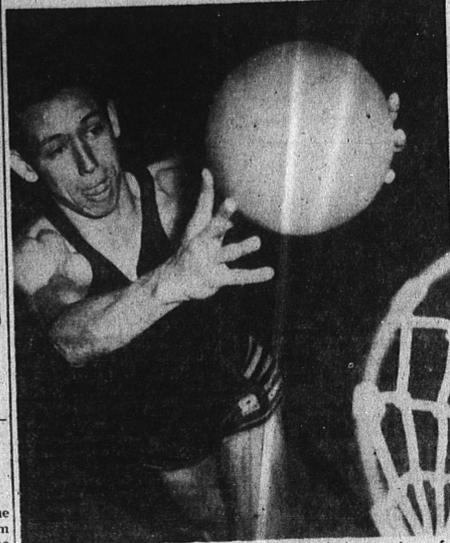




Tartars Throw Hat in Ring for Bay League Title Race

As the gun goes off Friday night sounding the start of the 1949 Bay League Basketball Title race, the Tartar varsity will be sighting in for a shot at the crown. Coach Cliff Graybehl's charges open the current cage season against the unpredictable Jordan quintet tomorrow night in the Long Beach Poly gym at 7 p.m. At center for the Tartars will be Captain Paul "The Eye" Smith who has led the lo-



TOP POINT GETTER—Camera gets a basket's eye-view of Tartar Captain Paul Smith who will lead the local high school varsity into the Bay League opener against Jordan tomorrow night. (Herald Photo).

CHARGE OF THE LIGHT BEE-GADE—Coach Eddie Cole's Bee cage squad who will start in tomorrow's Bay League opener against Jordan in the Long Beach Poly gym include (left to right) Tommy Giatras, Ronnie Chambers, Dick Carrow, Ronnie Higgins and Wayne "Lefty" Scholl. (Herald Photo).

Whistle Blast Will Open City-Fathered Cage Loop

First whistle of the current city-sponsored basketball league will sound tonight at 7 p.m. in the Torrance High School gym as the Walteria Merchants and the Reed Quintet clash in the minor league opener. More than 84 players participated in the qualifying carnival held last Monday night resulting in the establishment of a minor league and a major league composed of six teams each. Following the 20-minute games played by each of the teams a meeting of managers was held and officers elected. Ormsby Miller was elected president while Joe Setting and Dan Moon were elected as vice president and secretary-treasurer respectively. Major league teams will cavort on the high school hardwoods on Monday nights while the minors take over the gym on Thursday nights. By playing triple headers all six teams of each league will play one game each week. Also scheduled to play tonight are Pal's Verdes College vs. the Rascals at 8 p.m.

cal club in points during the squad's practice games. His 29-29 vision has been of great help at the foul line from whence the lanky center has been of special value. If anyone is likely to put a pair of blinders on Smith, it will be Jordan's speedy forward, Dick Carpenter. First string of the all-junior squad of Jordan's, who last year handed the Tartars their only two-time defeat in league play.

Pedro workouts was the top floor play of Wendell Vaughan at forward and the consistent, accurate shots of Larry Fischer and Glenn Mitchell. All three showed terrific improvement during the Christmas holidays, according to Mentor Graybehl. Wade Fisk and Bob Chambers added to the threesome of Goetsch, Turner and Smith will make up the starting five for the Tartars. Graybehl will alternate the use of man-to-man with zone defense while it is expected the Jordanites will stick to a zone defense. The local cage mentor gives the nod to Jordan for being the best coached squad in the league. Ben Palmgren, ex-Compton and San Diego State star is the Panthers' coach. The Bee team, coached by Eddie Cole, will take to the hardwoods in the opener to the double header. The Cee and Dee squads will tangle with Jordan this afternoon on the newly varnished maples of the local gym.



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BACKING UP THE GOLD DUST twins of the gridiron will be Bob LeBlanc who is pressing both boys for the starting nod from Coach Graybehl. Bob Bowers, a 1948 letter-qualifier, is backing up Goetsch and Turner at guard. Vance Ratzloff has been cooler than a burned out Christmas tree light during practice but is beginning to show a little of the spark that made him a top Bee last season. Listed as "tops" as a backboard player by Graybehl is Bill Wernett, first string center for the Bees last year. Catch lights in the eyes of the cage coach during the San

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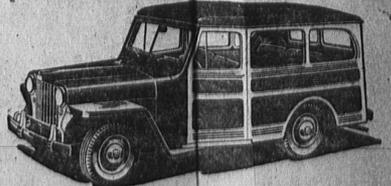
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